

Wax Tailor "Once Upon A Past"

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How shall I begin my story that has no beginning

The sampler, as well as the turntable
Were principal tools, largely responsible
For the birth and development of hip-hop

With a sampler any drum beat, any guitar riff
Any sound that could be recorded
Could be used as part of a new composition
A new contextualization
The recording you are listening to now is an example

[...]

Where a cultural production
Enlists musically
That was full of possibilities
By virtue of being able to freely appropriate
From the musical past

And to make new combinations,
And thus, new meanings

The story demonstrates
That the society quote
Free to borrow and built upon a past,
Is culturally richer than a controlled one.

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